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Sandoval uncontested in ASB elections

Candidates seeking to improve voter turnout



ASB presidential candidate
Chris Sandoval

By Celia Shakibai
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SANTA ANA - Elections for RSC's 1991-92 Associated Student Body will take place beginning April 22, filling the chief offices of president, vice president, treasurer and senator.

Currently, the only candidate for ASB president is Chris Sandoval, who for the past two semesters has served as senator and commissioner in student government.

"I would like to see an expansion of services available to students at all RSC campus sites and to enable us to do that, my efforts will be towards the institution of an ASB card," Sandoval said. The ASB card will allow students various discounts throughout the community.

According to Sandoval, a new student constitution is on the drawing board which will enable any RSC student to run for ASB office.

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The apathy permeating RSC's student body has caught Sandoval's attention.

"I think it's [apathy] very unfortunate, because students are really showing a lack of interest. And hopefully, the institution of a membership card will increase student participation," said Sandoval.

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Education

Transfer blues may finally end

By John Nero
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So, you've worked your fingers to the bone and kept yourself captive for two long years in order to finally transfer to a "real" college.

With transfer paper in hand, a feeling of euphoria (and just a hint of apprehension), you enter the counselors office only to find out that many of the classes you've taken will not transfer to UC Riverside or anywhere else for that matter.

Well, your only consolation for this dilemma is that it has been going on for years and nearly every student with higher aspirations has a fist full of classes that wouldn't transfer to a trade school, let alone a university.

But now, four-year colleges in California have compromised and developed an acceptable solution to this problem. Although the new curriculum is not a cure-all for transfer woes, it is a step in the right direction.

It's called the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum, and it will become effective for transfer students in fall of 1992, hopefully removing much of the confusion students now face when trying to choose a transferable course load.

IGETC is a course curriculum that when met will make a student eligible for transfer to either a University of California or a California State University.

As it stands now, a student must either contact that particular school for its transfer requirements or follow the core curriculum provided by the UC or CSU. Often a course will be accepted in one curriculum but not another, confusing students as they work their way through general education classes.

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RSC mocks 'The Big One'

Campus prepares for major quake

By Michele Reichel
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RSC students practiced the "duck, cover, and hold procedure" last Friday during a planned earthquake drill held on the Santa Ana Campus to comply with California's mandated Earthquake Preparedness Month.

The drill began with a single siren and was followed by an evacuation signal three minutes later. Participants were directed to evacuation areas located away from trees and light poles.

"Evacuation areas have been clearly marked outside every building to insure safety to the students," said J.R. Johnson, director of security.

After the drill, students, staff, and faculty were invited to see the command post set up in front of Cook Gym, providing information for the "real event." Information could be obtained from several different booths.

A demonstration of the main control booth showed how RSC can communicate to Sacramento in the case of a major earthquake through an amateur radio short-wave transceiver, which will provide important updated information. The system will be operated by an emergency gas generator.

The booth contains a giant map



ON A HIGH- Santa Ana Firefighter, Larry Underwood, demonstrates how students will be rescued if Dunlap Hall survives a major quake.

of the campus, showing utility cut-off points and building damage. Different colors symbolize the condition of each building, indicating if it is standing, fallen down, or if caution is needed before entering.

Additional booths were also set up to assist disabled students and provide information concerning purchasing, information systems, payroll, and public information.

Information Technical Services is the computer system used by RSC and will provide student access numbers and

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Small Business Resource Center helps students do more than lunch

By Celia Shakibai
el Don Staff Writer

For most, planning to start a small business seems like an endless runaround. But RSC's Small Business Resource Center can make business planning as simple as A,B,C.

The SBRC is located in the Nealley Library on the Santa Ana campus. It has a variety of materials to help set up and open a business, ranging from regional to international.

More than 600 people have used SBRC services, which include about 900 books, how to manuals, videos and audios, a computer program on financial analysis and the state's demographic status and

government printed information among others. "The purpose of the Center is to show people how to be successful in business," said Hilda Roberts, faculty coordinator for the SBRC. "It is also for our students to have resources for researching business courses."

The Center went into operation fall '88 after Bob Ash, chairman of RSC's marketing and management, thought the college's population and Santa Ana's business community could utilize a good business resource center, according to Roberts. The initial funding to start the program was provided by the California Community College Chancellor's Office, which, along with RSC continue to aid the Center with grants.

"The outside community does not offer a resource center where material is gathered, but now our library has a center with a wonderful business section, Roberts said.

This semester, the college's SBRC became the state's clearinghouse for providing all 107 California community colleges with information on available materials and resources for small business programs.

Kevin Vann, an RSC student working with the SBRC said, "The business library has been really helpful while I've been writing my business plan. Before I went to the library I knew nothing about starting a business but now, I have the direction and confidence to start a business."



DOING BUSINESS- Hilda Roberts, right, and Vicki Case in small business center. Kay Montana/el Don photo

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Many students coming into college may not know exactly where they want to go.

Having followed a curriculum to a CSU will void many of the transferable classes should they decide to go to a UC instead.

RSC Articulation Officer, Lee Grishman, said the IGETC "offers students more flexibility."

With the IGETC coarse curriculum a student will be able to take a set core of classes and be able to transfer to a UC or a CSU without having to worry about different requirements.

"This is a great advantage to stu-

dents," said Grishman, "(there is) less restriction of choice."

After the two year phase-in period, the UC core curriculum will no longer be used. For UC transfers, a student must either meet that campus' requirements or the IGETC. For CSU transfers, he or she must meet the IGETC, CSU requirements, or that campuses requirements.

UC Irvine Articulation Manager Raschel Greenberg said that "Students are better off completing individual breadth requirements for that campus, in most cases."

If a student knows the campus and major he or she wants, it would be best to use the schools curriculum because the GE and major requirements sometimes overlap.

IGETC is not a 100 percent uniform document between the UC and CSU systems.

For instance the UC system still rejects Speech courses for transfer while the CSU system continues to accept them.

RSC's Zero in On Transfer program with UCI will be unaffected by all of this.

The new core curriculum does not negatively effect current students. New fall 1991 students may not use the current UC Core Curriculum. However the CSU cur-

riculum will still be intact.

A list of RSC courses congruent to IGETC may not be available in time to be printed in the Fall 1991 catalog.

However, a statement may be inserted in the Student Planning Guide informing about the new curriculum. It will be available as a separate listing in the counseling center.

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And all courses taken must be certified by the community colleges before transfer for both UC and CSU systems.

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class lists for the staff.

"ITS will try to make information available as soon as possible through access to the main frame computer," said Curt Childress, Computer Operating Supervisor.

In addition to the booths, the command post provided lunch for all faculty and staff, which was served in an "earthquake-prepared" kitchen ready to be assembled in a real situation.

"Earthquake, food service will be provided for anyone in need," said Bruce Money, Marriot Hotel district manager. "We want things to get back to normal as soon as possible."

Next to the command post a makeshift medical treatment center was shown as it will appear after a major earthquake.

According to Johnson, the center was put together by himself and another man in one hour's time and will be available for fast access for injured persons.

Injured people will first be tagged by the triage team, to indicate those in need of immediate attention. The tags read minor, delayed, immediate, or deceased.

When the injured are brought to the treatment center, oxygen and I.V.'s will be available to stabilize them, according to Arlene Warco, Health Center R.N.

Earthquake Day also included the Santa Ana Fire Department, who demonstrated a rescue operation from Dunlap Hall, assuring ability to reach the tallest building on campus.

"The fire department was there to become familiarized with the buildings," said Johnson.

Although the school is already equipped with evacu-chairs, rubber wheeled chairs that slide down stairways, RSC is in the process of purchasing rope ladders. The ladders drop down emergency slide chutes to rescue people from buildings.

According to Johnson, the scheduled drill went as planned and was effective in increasing earthquake preparedness.

"The day was very successful," said Johnson. "It was good practice and we learned a lot."

News Update

Art Forum Guest To Speak

Rachelle Mark will speak at RSC's Art Forum on April 29, noon, in room C-104, Santa Ana campus. Mark's works have appeared in numerous California group exhibits, including the "10 Los Angeles Artists" in New York City. For more information please call RSC Fine and Performing Arts Division at (714) 564-5600.

Celebrate UCI's 25th

Celebrate UCI will be held on April 20, at University of California, Irvine, in celebration of its 25th anniversary. The day's activities will include a medieval faire, tram tours of the campus, health-screening exhibits, a salute to Planet Earth, and a variety of food and entertainment options. UCI will also display The NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt, an international memorial to those who have died of AIDS. The event is open to the public and admission is free.

Foundation Fun

The RSC Foundation is offering an opportunity drawing for a personalized parking spot of your choice right here at RSC's main campus. Tickets are \$1 each, or ten for \$5 at the Don bookstore.

Santa Ana Library Reopens

After being closed for renovation since January, the Santa Ana Central Library will reopen in mid-May, three months later than the date originally planned.

Meanwhile, patrons are being referred to the McFadden Branch, 2627 W. McFadden Ave., and the Newhope Branch, 122 N. Newhope St.

Understand Accounting

"Accounting for Non-Business Personnel," a seminar for understanding accounting language and obtaining a working knowledge of basic principles, will be held on Tuesday and Thursday, April 30 and May 2, from 1-4:50 p.m. in room A-6, Santa Ana Campus. The cost for the seminar is \$2.50 for one-half unit of college credit. When registering, ask for ticket number 90500. For more information please call 564-6756.

Making Peace

RSC will be "Making Peace with the Earth" on Monday, April 22. The day will include speakers, entertainment, food and is sponsored by Beyond War, ASB, Alpha Gamma Sigma, and The International Students Association. For more information please call 538-6700 or 564-6520.

Amnesty Week

The last day to return overdue books, periodicals, and other reading material without being subject to payment of fines is Saturday, April 20. This applies to all materials checked out from the Nealley Library between the founding of the college in 1915 through August 17, 1990. For more information, please call the Nealley Library circulation desk at 564-6700.

Meet New People

RSC's Community Services Office will present, "99 Ways to Meet Someone New," on Tuesday, April 30, from 7-10 p.m. in room U-107, Santa Ana Campus. This seminar will introduce ways to meet people through fun and exciting activities. The cost is \$25 plus a \$3 materials fee payable at the door. For more information please call 564-6220.

Hope for House of Hope

The Orange City Council gave unanimous approval, Tuesday, for the construction of the House of Hope, a project of the Orange County Rescue Mission.

House of Hope is a shelter for homeless women and their children. It will contain 20 guest

rooms, communal living, dining, kitchen, library and playroom facilities.

Old Towne Preservation Association had appealed the proposal, contending that the project was too large for the proposed site at 357-373 S. Lemon St.

The city's Design Review Board had approved the project twice. With the Council's approval, construction is scheduled to begin in the fall.

Problems at UC Irvine

Thomas Hei, chairman of the Asian/Pacific Student Assn., at UC Irvine, said at an all day conference, part of the Asian Heritage week, that UC Irvine has not made sufficient efforts to support the Asian student population.

Hei stated the university offers only two Asian classes, one in Asian-American culture and one in Asian-American psychology, and has not made sufficient progress in hiring Asian faculty and staff.

Hei said Asians make up 34 percent of the student population and account for 41 percent of the freshman class. This population is the largest percentage of Asians on any UC campus.

Earth Day 1991

Speakers urge Earth re-birth

By F. Colin Kingston
el Don Staff Writer

RSC students will have an opportunity to "Make Peace With The Earth" during RSC's annual Earth Day celebration on Monday, April 22. Organizations from throughout Orange County and Rancho Santiago College will be participating in the event.

The Earth Day celebration will take place from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the amphitheater and college mall areas of the main RSC campus.

Eileen Krause, President of RSC's Beyond War Club and coordinator for RSC's Earth Day celebration says, "More than anything, our goal is to heighten students awareness of environmental issues. I think we've accomplished that with the booths and speakers we have sched-

uled. Students will receive information on the environment as well as find out how they can get involved."

Scheduled speakers include RSC Biology Instructor Richard Bates; Lee Mallory reading Earth Day related poetry; Marion Pack, head of the Orange County Alliance for Survival; Greens political party representative Ted Crissell, and Dr. Tom Osborne, RSC History Professor and faculty advisor to the Beyond War Club.

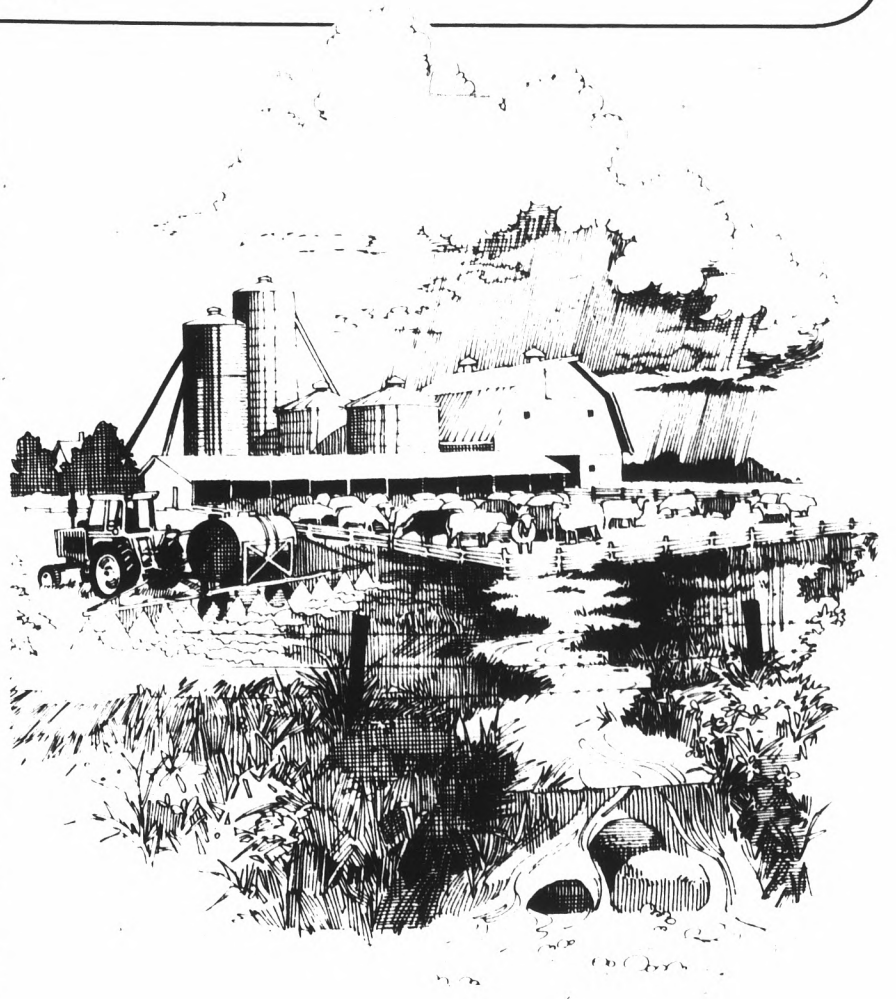
Various college and community organizations will have booths offering environmental related information to RSC students. These groups include: the Orange County Rapid Transit District, the United Nations, the Greens Party, Greenpeace, the Inter Faith Peace Ministry of Orange County, the Oak

Canyon Nature Center, and the City of Santa Ana Water Department.

The Earth Day celebration is being sponsored by the Beyond War Club, ASB, Alpha Gamma Sigma and the International Student Association. Funding for the event will come from Associated Student Body and Inter Club Council funds. Each organization will contribute \$150 towards payment of a jazz quintet band to provide entertainment at this year's celebration.

Speakers for RSC's Earth Day celebration are scheduled from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The jazz quintet band will be on hand from 12:30 to 2 p.m.

For additional information on RSC's Earth Day celebration please call (714) 538-6700.



Earth Works

Concern regarding environmental issues has started to affect the way many people do their shopping. The el Don surveyed a number books on this subject, the best of which are listed below. All books are available at Walden Books at the Main Place Mall in Santa Ana.

"The Green Consumer" by John Ellington, Julia Hayes and Joel Makower. Lists environmentally healthy products and services ranging from food to pet supplies and travel. From Penguin Books, \$9.95

"2 Minutes A Day For A Greener Planet" by Marjorie Lamb. Offers simple tips for saving water, environmentally related gift ideas, where to get non-toxic cleaning supplies etc. Published by Harper and Row, \$7.95
"The Green Consumer Supermarket Guide" by John Ellington, Julia

Hailes and Joel Makower offers a variety of environmentally safe supermarket items include beverages, frozen foods and meats. Published by Penguin Books, \$6.95.

The Recyclers Handbook by The Earth Works Group
Offers ways to start local recycling programs, tips on recycling household products etc. Published by Earth Works Press, \$4.95.

"50 Simple Things You Can Do to Save the Planet" by The Earth Works Group, offers 50 practical things we can all adopt in our everyday lifestyle which will have a positive impact on the environment. A national best seller, this book has spawned two sequels, "50 Simple Things Kids Can Do To Save the Planet and 50 More Things You Can Do to Save the Planet." Published by Earth Works Press, \$4.95.

Earth Celebrations

Saturday, April 20, 9 a.m. to noon Hart Park, Orange

The Santiago Creek Greenway Alliance is sponsoring a clean-up of Hart Park in Orange. Volunteers receive free morning snacks and a BBQ lunch. A variety of activities are also planned. Those interested in volunteering to help clean-up the park should come in work clothes, wear sturdy shoes and bring leather gloves. Call (714) 324-3450.

April 20, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Caspers Wilderness Park
Festival includes musical entertainment by the Blue Grass Band "Picket Fence", Park Ranger presentations, environmentally themed childrens activities and ecology related exhibits. Smokey Bear will also be on hand. Admission: \$2. Call (714) 728-0235.

Saturday, April 20, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Garden Grove Civic Center
Sponsored by the city of Garden Grove this festival includes ecology related booths, displays and activities. Located at the corner of Euclid and Acacia Parkway. Call (714) 741-5006.

Saturday, April 20, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. University California at Irvine
Held in conjunction with "Celebrate UCI" in the Gateway Plaza. Call (714) 856-5181.

Saturday, April 20, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Plaza De La Paz
"Environmental Awareness: Past, Present and Future," an ecologically related fair featuring speakers and events

throughout the day. Located on the corner of La Paz and Pacific Park Drive in Laguna Niguel. Call (714) 831-8477.

Saturday, April 20 Museum of Natural History and Science, Newport Beach
Earth Day related events and exhibits. Call (714) 585-3550

Sunday, April 21 Museum of Natural History and Science, Newport Beach
"Art in Nature and Science." Call (714) 585-3550.

Saturday, April 20 and Sunday, April 21 Upper Newport Bay
Sponsored by the Upper Newport Bay Ecological Preserve. Features nature demonstrations, tree plantings and tours. Held at the Big Canyon Parking lot on Back Bay Drive in Newport Beach. (714) 640-6746.

Monday, April 22, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Orange Coast College
Features speakers, ecological displays, etc. Sponsored by the Students for Social Responsibility.

Monday, April 22, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Rancho Santiago College
Features include guest speakers, displays and entertainment. Call (714) 538-6700.

Saturday, April 20 and Sunday, April 21 Lakewood Center Mall
Features the traveling Mall exhibit from the Orange County Earth Day Coalition.

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LOOK FOR US AT RSC ON CAREER DAY WEDNESDAY APRIL 24



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Imagine if you will...

A chair that flies!

By Scarlett Bojorquez
el Don Staff Writer

Imagine a seat, attached to a custom designed ski, mounted three feet above a hydrofoil that can let you experience the sensation of flying above water by launching you 10 to 12 feet in the air.

This new sport of water skiing, called Air Chairing, is actually a variation on the original hydrofoil water ski, the Dynaflite. The original Dynaflite consisted of two water skis attached to a hydrofoil.

The new Air Chair is a chair with a seatbelt attached to a wide single ski which includes toe-strapped bindings.

According to Glen Anderson of Mike Murphy's Ski Shop in Corona, who is an avid surfer and ski buff, the changes incorporated into the Air Chair are an improvement over its predecessor.

"The difference in the Air Chair, as compared to other hydrofoils, is that it has a seat and you can ride it for a longer period of time without getting as tired, because it produces very little drag," He said, "You can ride on rough balance and maneuver it side to side, like you would when learning to ride a bicycle."

For that matter, learning to ride the Air Chair is simple, said Anderson. It is not necessary to be a good skier or to have a lot of strength to control the Air Chair.

According to Water Ski Magazine, the Dynaflite, patented in 1963, was invented by Walter Woodward, an expert on air flow currents and aeronautics, with the help of Lucas L. Emmanuel, a Harvard Business School graduate.

The two have developed various hydrofoil products that include a surfboard, catamaran, bicycle, and sailboat.

Hydrofoils have been around since 1906.



They usually consist of blades attached to the hulls of boats, similar in operation to an airplane wing. The fin or foil has the ability to lift the object off the surface of the water when in motion.

An Italian inventor Enrico Forlami (1848-1930) was the first to build a hydrofoil boat. Thereafter Alexander Graham Bell, in 1918, created a hydrofoil boat that held the world's hydrofoil speed record of 60 knots.

Over the years, many hydrofoil products failed to catch on because they were not durable enough and the majority of them disappeared from the market in the early 1970's. However, Mike Murphy brought them back out to the Colorado River.

He began testing the Dynaflite Hydrofoils and decided to improve them.

According to Anderson, in 1990, Robert Wooley (a retired Santa Ana fireman), Brad Barnette, and Mike Murphy, RBM Inc., designed the Air Chair.

Pat Murphy, Mike Murphy's brother, said that RBM worked on the product for seven years and developed a new shape with a single, upright strut and delta wing foils.

According to Murphy, the upper forward foil has a positive lift effect and the bottom rear foil has a negative lift effect. The foils are controlled by the body movements one makes.

Murphy said that it is gaining popularity because of its unique design and the excitement it gives water sport enthusiasts.

The Air Chair is priced at \$745 and is light in weight, and Anderson said that "it is definitely a new and growing sport."

RBM reports their forecasted sales for the first year were about 700 units, but increased by 360 percent as they reached sales of over 2,500 units.

Gertie, the spotlight's on you

By Donna Dean Irani
el Don Feature Editor

Gertie Montes de Oca has been a familiar face to almost everyone passing through the RSC cafeteria for 10 years, yet how many know anything about her except that she gives us her personal best?

Montes de Oca, who works for the Marriott Corporation, said that she manages the front portion of the cafeteria as if it were her home and that she doesn't believe in negative thinking. According to Gertie, she attributes her outlook to the people she sees daily and the fact that Marriott lets them alone to do their job.

"Marriott's good working conditions, my co-workers, the student body and staff, are all

responsible - they make it easy for me to keep this positive attitude," She said.

"I don't believe in this negative business - a lonely person is someone who doesn't care about others - don't you think so?"

According to Montes de Oca, she leaves her home at 5:00 a.m., picks up the cook (to make certain the soup gets started) and is on campus by 5:30 a.m. daily.

She was born in Austria to a Romanian mother and a

German/Polish father and is fluent in three languages. However, she considers herself an American because her family brought her to Missouri when she was about 3 years old.

In 1968, Montes de Oca and a high school friend left St. Charles, Mo. for Hollywood, Cal., where she met and married her husband a few months later.

Her first job in California was across from the ABC studios at Fountain and Vine, where Montes de Oca said that she met many movie and television celebrities, jazz musicians

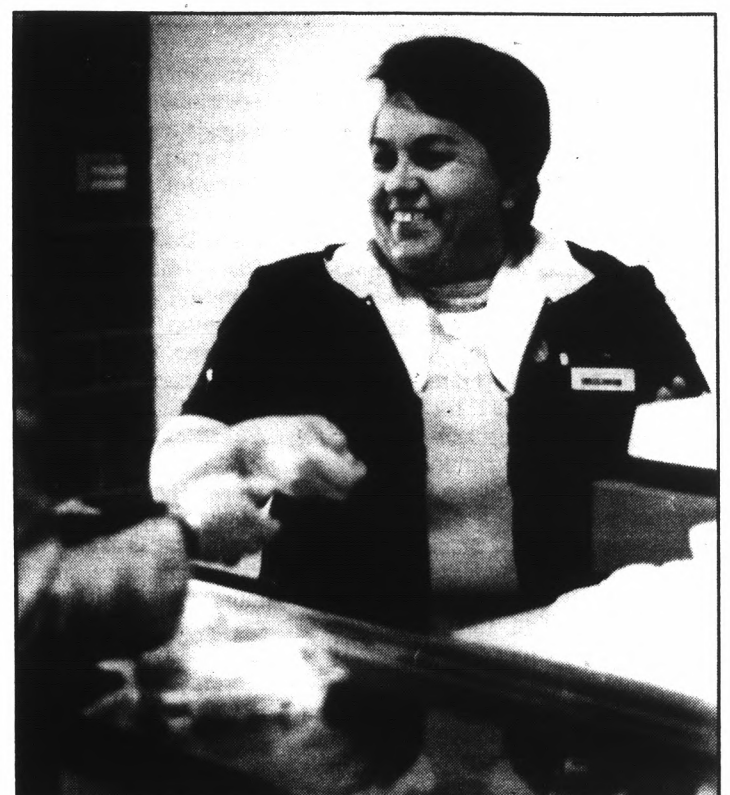
and has amusing stories to tell about her job there.

She also worked, on call, catering at a public cafeteria in the L.A. convention center for celebrity parties and shows, where she accordingly met many political celebrities including U.S. Presidents

and a few "musical greats."

Montes de Oca said that she worked days and that her husband worked nights those years to take care of her child and to save for a house.

She and her husband purchased a home in the La Mirada area when her son was about 12 years old. Montes de Oca said that she took the position at RSC in 1981 so that she could be home at 3:00 p.m. when her son came home from school.



Gertie Montes de Oca

Montes de Oca considers herself lucky to be able to spend time with her family and to have so many friends here at school.

"I read a little but I consider my family, homelife and the people whom I work with and see everyday to be my real hobby, because you see, I really like being with you people," she said.

"...a lonely person is someone who doesn't care about others..."



Save the Earth, starting here and now

As it nears, pre-Earth Day resolutions must be made. We need to recognize and commend those who are contributing to the bettering of our Earth. Those who are reckless or harmful to our environment must be exposed.

We need to use this day to educate the public on the vital importance of recycling, waste management and conservation of natural resources. Our duty is not only to enlighten, but to question and look to ourselves. Do we truly conserve as much as possible? Do we support "environmentally friendly" companies? Do we recycle? This day should be the stepping stone towards a life-long commitment to environmental common sense.

On our own campus we are not conserving at any where near our

full capacity. There are only a scattering of containers for aluminum. Many departments are doing their best to recycle paper, but students have no bins to discard recyclable paper products.

Our cafeteria is still using foam products. "Environmentally safe" foam is an oxymoron.

El Don uses environmentally safe vegetable based ink on our newspapers. Leftover newspapers are recycled, but mass amounts of other paper are thrown out. We will begin a recycling program this week.

Let us not reserve resolutions solely for New Year's games. Make a serious promise today to make this planet one we will be proud to give to future generations.

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ASB: Do we really need one?

Picture this:

An election for president is held but there is only one candidate. This is not some East European totalitarian regime. This is RSC.

The ASB has presented the 1991-92 hopefuls and only one person wants to run for president. Is this where our government is headed? Does any body care? Sadly, few do. Perhaps because of the government's performance. Stagnation breeds apathy.

Our student government is allotted a very nice sum of money to conduct business, but nothing of substance appears on the balance.

What good is a richly funded student government that has nothing to show on its resume? What has our

government done for this school this year? Students don't participate in the elections because the system is a joke.

Most, if not all, candidates are sincere in their desire to make a profound difference. They want to make tantamount moves benefitting RSC and its students, but fall prey to one of two vices: They inherit peer indifference, or allow themselves to be sucked in, and used as lackeys by campus special interest groups.

We need to re-evaluate and enforce the role and responsibilities of the student government and pressure elected officials to do what's promised before more money, that could be put to better use, is wasted.

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Quotes to live by...

"I think it would be nice."

-Mahatma Gandhi, (1869-1948) when asked what he thought of Western Civilization.

You wanna be absolutely safe? Ban everything

By Jim Silver
el Don Staff Writer

March 28, 1991: "It's just common sense that there be a waiting period to allow local law-enforcement officials to conduct background checks on those who wish to buy a handgun."

June 16, 1981: "Some of the stiffest gun-control laws in the nation are right here in the District (of Columbia), and they didn't seem to prevent a fellow a few weeks ago from carrying one down by the Hilton Hotel. In other words, they are unenforceable."

-RONALD REAGAN
(Source: The Associated Press)

"...guns are the ultimate self-protection. Even Bruce Lee couldn't transverse 20 feet in a milli-second."

Teflon Ron does another mental pirouette; no wonder he forgets. In this case however, he's right either way. Certainly a one-week waiting period should not intimidate, nor discriminate against any average law-abiding citizen. The proposed federal gun-control law isn't even as strict as California's.

But, these laws generate the fear of the eventual banning of all gun purchases by any of us regular folks (non-military, non-law-enforcement, non-"official" employees). This fear is justified for two reasons. First, without private weapon ownership, there is nothing to prevent fascism. Second, guns are the ultimate self-protection. Even Bruce Lee couldn't transverse 20 feet in a milli-second. They are legal within the home for exactly that reason; to protect oneself and one's property.

Of course, the conditions in many cities are probably an argument that everyone carry a gun everywhere. Those same conditions are also an argument for not going everywhere. In one Georgia town, 20 miles from Atlanta, mandatory carrying of a firearm is the law. Ronnie correctly pointed out the situation in Washington D.C., which is even worse today. Police style batons are banned to public sale; didn't help Rodney King much, did it?

Ultimately, even if all firearms were banned, the fanatics that battle for gun control do not have a rational leg to stand on. Their arguments just don't hold water, which to me means they're either ignorant or their motives are questionable. They cite murders, robberies, assassination attempts as justification for the ban. How many rapes are at gunpoint? Not a majority,

I'll bet.

Anyone who is angry or crazy enough to commit murder will find a way. Even if guns didn't exist at all. Look at man's history. What if John Hinckley had used a Molotov cocktail with homemade napalm? We might have had a good president seven years sooner. Charles Manson's group used mostly knives. I know, we'll ban all ball bats, detergents, petroleum distillates, knives, bottles, matches, screwdrivers, fertilizers, hammers... and infinitum. You see how ridiculous it becomes.

What defenses are there? Martial arts are great; living on Bora Bora is even better. Private ownership of guns is one defense and a right that we should be allowed to keep.

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Spring fling...



Student, faculty dancers kick up their heels

If you like killing, sex, and gangsters, then the 1991 Spring Dance concert is for you. The Student/Faculty dance concert is a showcase for student choreographers and dancers.

Diversity is the format with styles of dance ranging from jazz to modern to tap. Performances Friday April 19, and Saturday April 20 start at 8 p.m. and Sunday Apr 21 at 2:30 p.m. Ticket prices at the door are \$6 general admission, and \$5 for students and seniors.

-Text & Photos By Matt Myers



Music greats Jazz-up RSC in May

By F. Colin Kingston
el Don Style Editor

Rancho Santiago College will play host to not one, but three, jazz bands on Sunday, May 5. A wide variety of jazz styles, including music from the swing era, will be featured.

Featured jazz bands for the evening are the Monday Jazz Ensemble, Ben Glover's Jazz Band and the Jazz Lab Band. Two featured guests, vibraphone artist Terry Gibbs and drummer Frank Capp will perform with all three college bands.

Gibbs has been honored with the DownBeat and Metronome award recognizing him as the best vibraphonist in the world. He has played with many of the great jazz legends, including Tommy Dorsey, Buddy Rich and Charlie Parker. For many years Gibbs was also the musical director for Steve Allen. Capp began his career with Stan Kenton and is cur-



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rently the co-leader of the Capp/Pierce Juggernaut Big Band. The sounds of big band jazz will fill Phillips Hall on Sunday, May 5 at 7 p.m.

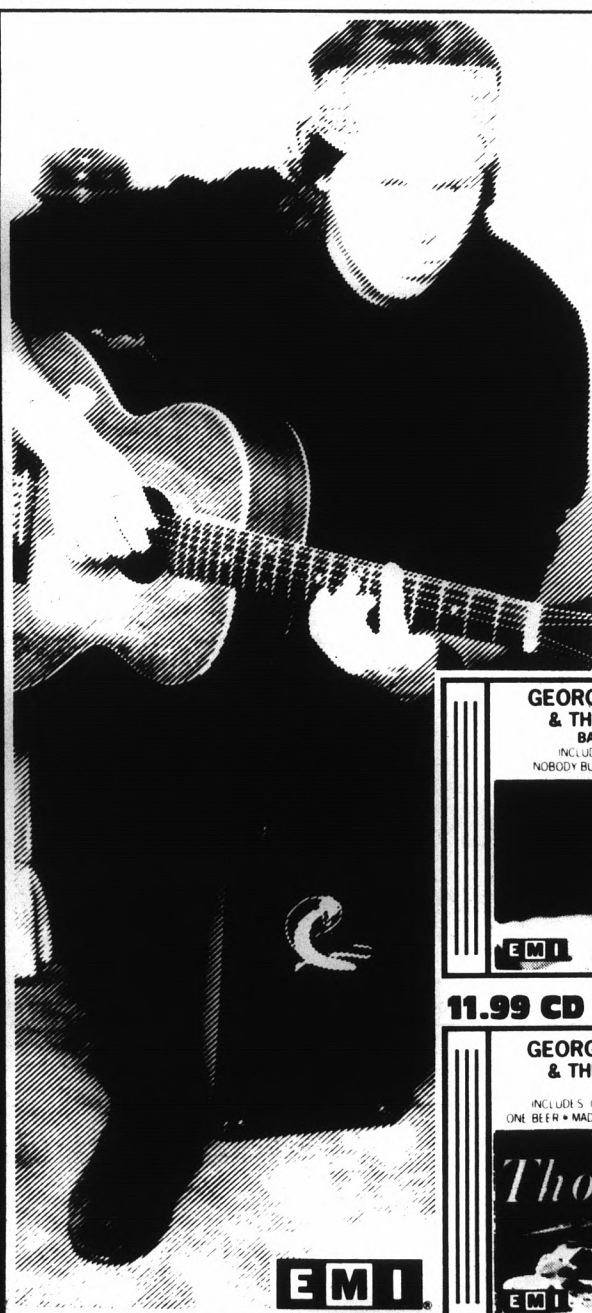
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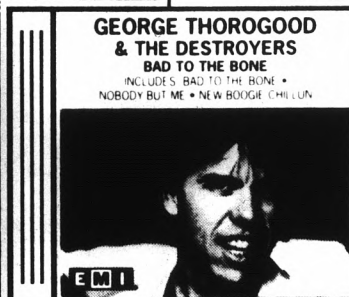
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Phillips Hall is located at 1530 W. 17th Street on RSC's main campus

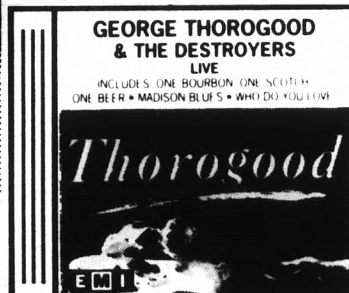
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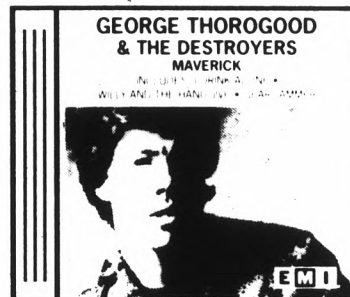
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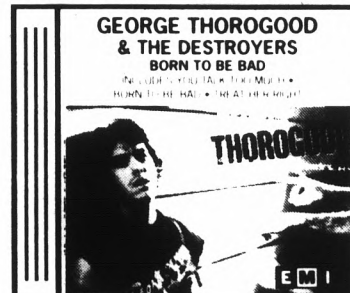
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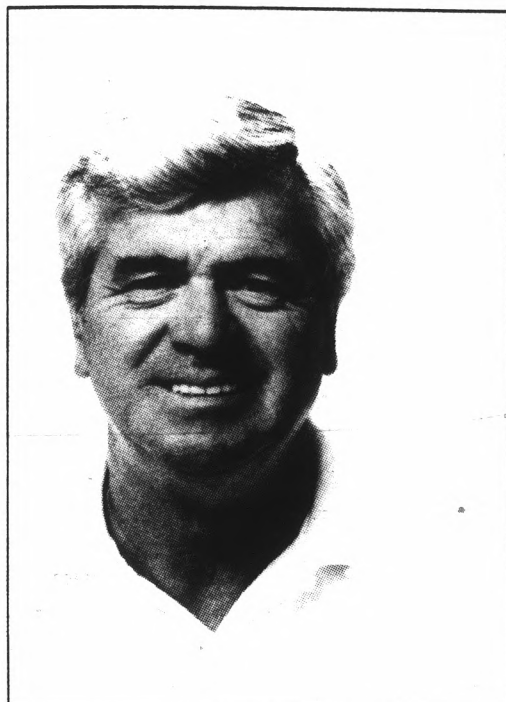
THEY SAID IT...

"Football coaches walk across the field after the game and pretend to congratulate the opposing coach. Baseball managers head right for the beer."

-Thomas Boswell, reason #86 from his list of why baseball is better than football.

IT'S A FACT

The New York Mets adopted their team colors as blue and orange in an effort to replace the departed New York Giants and Brooklyn Dodgers. They incorporated the Dodgers' blue cap emblazoned with the Giants' orange "NY" logo.



Roger Wilson

Wilson retiring at end of semester

■ RSC Athletic Director stepping down after 30 successful years of service.

A 30-year employee of Rancho Santiago College, Roger Wilson announced last week that he will retire as the college's Athletic Director and Dean of the Physical Education/Athletics Division at the end of the current school year.

Wilson came to RSC in 1961 as head baseball coach and held that role for 13 years, in addition to being a counselor for 20 years, prior to being named Athletic Director in 1981.

"I have really enjoyed working here and feel fortunate to have been associated with the division," said Wilson. "The people I work with are the best in the state. In some smaller role, I am hoping to continue a relationship with the division."

As baseball coach Wilson had a record of 186-213-6, making him the second-winningest coach in school history, and led the Dons to a conference title in 1967. During his RSC tenure he also coached women's softball and water polo and headed the intramural program.

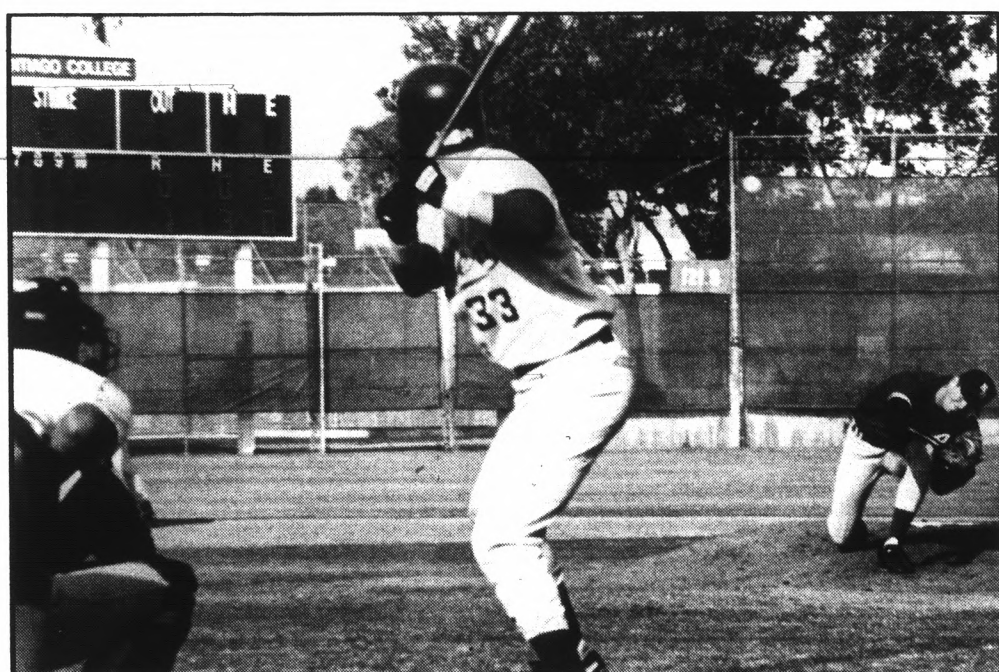
As Athletic Director, Wilson hired Dana Pagett and Don Sneddon to head up the men's basketball and baseball programs, respectively. Both have become the winningest coaches in school history for their

own sports. Wilson also elevated Dave Ogas from assistant coach to head coach of the football team and saw the program experience a great deal of success since.

A product of the community college system himself, Wilson was a football and baseball standout at Santa Rosa Junior College in Northern California before transferring to UC Santa Barbara, where he played baseball and earned his bachelor's degree. He also received his master's degree from Long Beach State.

Wilson and his wife, Nancy, are residents of Newport Beach.

-Compiled by Dale Ruhe, RSC Sports Information Director



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FIRE ONE- Paul O'Hearn (8-0) delivers in RSC's 6-5, ten inning win over Golden West.

Orange Empire Conf. Baseball standings

	Overall	OEC	GB	Avg.	ERA
RSC	31-7	13-4	-	.351	3.69
Cypress	24-10	10-7	3	.317	4.20
Riverside	26-10	10-7	3	.288	2.99
Fullerton	22-14	8-9	5	.296	3.85
Orange Coast	23-13-1	8-10	5.5	.326	4.53
Golden West	12-17	7-10	6	.285	4.11
Saddleback	12-19	4-13	9	.302	5.54

Golf

Athletic department gets into some 'fore' play

To benefit the Rancho Santiago College Athletic Department, the eighth annual RSC Golf classic will be held on Friday, June 7, at Riverview Golf Course, 1800 W. 22nd St., Santa Ana. The four-person scramble format tournament begins with a shotgun start at 1 p.m., preceded by a putting tournament at noon.

The \$50 per-person tax-deductible donation includes green fees, golf cart, refreshments, raffle prizes and a post-tourney Santa Maria-style barbecue. Prizes will also be awarded to the top men's and women's teams and for closest to the pin and the longest drive.

Those not wishing to play in the tournament can still help by donating a \$100 tee sponsorship. The field will be limited to 144 participants and the deadline for entries is 5 p.m. on Friday, May 24.

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